



# Wisconsin Ag News – Trout

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Wisconsin's trout producers reported \$1.54 million in trout sales during 2014, a \$142,000 decrease from 2013. The value of trout distributed for restoration or conservation decreased \$505,000 to \$2.01 million.

Sales of trout that were at least 12 inches long totaled \$1.39 million, a 5 percent decrease in value from 2013. The number of trout 12 inches or longer sold was 410,000, down 70,000 fish from 2013. Live weight of trout sold in this size category was 403,000 pounds, down 44,000 pounds compared to a year earlier. Producers received an average of \$3.46 per pound, up 18 cents from 2013.

The value of 6 to 12 inch trout sold was \$138,000, a decrease of \$71,000 from 2013. The number of fish sold in this size category, at 70,000, was down 60,000 from the previous year. The average price was \$3.84 per pound, down 51 cents from a year earlier.

The value of sales for 1 to 6 inch trout totaled \$5,000, up \$1,000 from 2013. There were 45,000 trout sold in this size category, 5,000 less than a year earlier. Total pounds sold, at 1,000, stayed the same. The price for fish in the 1 to 6 inch category, at \$110 per 1,000 fish, increased by \$24.00 per 1,000 fish.

Producers raising trout for sale lost 295,000 fish weighing a total of 118,000 pounds to various causes during 2014. The number of trout lost was 112,000 more than last year, while total weight increased 78,000 pounds.

## Trout – Wisconsin and United States: 2013 - 2014

	Wisconsin		United States	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
Trout 12 inches and longer				
Number sold ..... 1,000	480	410	41,170	48,185
Pounds sold ..... 1,000	447	403	56,666	60,633
Value of sales ..... \$1,000	1,466	1,394	91,174	95,079
Average price per pound ..... dollars	3.28	3.46	1.61	1.57
Trout 6 to 12 inches in length				
Number sold ..... 1,000	130	70	3,755	5,145
Pounds sold ..... 1,000	48	36	1,375	1,772
Value of sales ..... \$1,000	209	138	5,213	5,788
Average price per pound ..... dollars	4.35	3.84	3.79	3.27
Trout 1 to 6 inches long				
Number sold ..... 1,000	50	45	6,490	8,350
Pounds sold ..... 1,000	1	1	171	206
Value of sales ..... \$1,000	4	5	1,027	1,617
Average price per thousand fish ..... dollars	86	110	158	194
Total sales (excluding eggs) ..... \$1,000	1,679	1,537	97,414	102,484
Trout lost to various causes				
Total number ..... 1,000	183	295	19,786	27,579
Total pounds ..... 1,000	40	118	4,643	5,962
Distributed for conservation & restoration				
Trout 12 inches and longer ..... 1,000	15	25	8,545	7,145
Trout 6 to 12 inches in length ..... 1,000	2,350	2,070	69,510	65,400
Trout 1 to 6 inches long ..... 1,000	2,440	2,970	58,785	58,280
Total value ..... \$1,000	2,512	2,007	110,075	110,849

## UNITED STATES TROUT PRODUCTION

The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 102.5 million dollars for 2014, an increase of 5 percent from 2013. Idaho accounted for 52 percent of the total value of fish sold.

The number of trout 12 inches and longer sold during 2014 totaled 48.2 million fish, up 17 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$1.57, down 2 percent from 2013. The value of sales for the 2014 marketing year was 95.1 million dollars, up 4 percent from 2013. For trout 12 inches or longer, 57 percent were sold to processors.

The number of 6"- 12" trout sold during 2014 totaled 5.15 million fish, a increase of 37 percent from 2013. The average price per pound was \$3.27 during 2014, down 52 cents from the 2013 price. The total value of sales was 5.79 million dollars during 2014, a 11 percent increase from the previous year. The major sales outlets for 6"-12" trout were for recreational stocking accounting for 52 percent of total sales, followed by wholesale to other producers and government agencies with 19 percent.

The number of 1"- 6" trout sold during 2014 totaled 8.35 million, a 29 percent increase from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$194 during 2014, up from \$158 in 2013. The total value of sales was 1.62 million dollars, up 57 percent from last year's total.

Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, enhancement, or recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 7.15 million 12" or longer fish, 65.4 million 6"- 12" fish, and 58.3 million 1"- 6" fish. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 110.8 million dollars, up 1 percent from 2013.

Total losses of all trout intended for sale were 27.6 million fish during 2014. Disease accounted for 92 percent of these losses.